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A Sad Commentary

Need for U. S. to Set Up Spy System Shows How Crazy World Is Today

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It is rather a sad commentary on the state of the world today that a great democracy such as ours, if it is to assume the leadership which it has inherited, must have as an adjunct a spy system that is, like our Army, Navy and Air Force, "second to none."

During the very brief consideration by the House of



to labor unions, commercial firms and other groups.

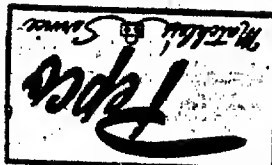
Representative Marcantonio, however, carries little influence in the House because of his long adherence to the general foreign policy line taken by the Henry Wallace Third Party movement, with which he was associated.

It would have helped if somebody had stood up, one of those old-fashioned fellows that we refer to as "a democrat with a small d," and at least said for the record, as such men used to do so eloquently, just where all this brings us. What, for example, it means in the history of civilization when the once free-and-easy, live-and-let-live democracy, which for so long has given its own glorious sort of moral leadership to the world, now has to lower its standards to set up an elaborate spy system, even as other nations. It somehow seems out of character.

There should be a better way, but if we can't find it, maybe there isn't any other way for the time being.

That's the philosophical attitude. But it's very hard for anyone who has watched so many battles here for individual freedom and against secret police systems and all they mean to sit and take it without speaking out in protest, a blimp sort of protest, it is, of course, the world being as crazy as it is today.

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